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Dear Sir,

you may be disillusioned having received no note from me during three weeks already. There are many reasons for that.

At first the dayly work, which I am doing here, takes much time and energy. Now I am on leave (for 2 weeks) and the first letter I am writing, is to you.

The second reason is the uncertainty of the situation of my fellow-combatants awaiting the immigration into the States. Seeing these persons called forward to Wentorf for emigration for second or third time already, and always sent back again, seeing the justified embitterment of these persons, one gets pessimistic himself too. They all had many possibilities to emigrate into other countries. They did not do so because they thought that the American Democracy is the best friend of our free democratic country, that they will be understood the best in America, that emigrating to the States they will have the best possibilities to help their suffering country when the right time will come. But having hoped and waited desperately for years, and seeing the time, foreseen for their immigration by the DP Act, expiring in some few months, they now realize that the American Authorities are unable or unwilling to fight against our inner-American enemies who ignore the American laws, who have delayed our immigration till now, and who probably will succeed in delaying it finally. So the prestige and the good name of the States and of the American Democracy is gliding down between my comrades constantly.

In such conditions I can not give you at present any names of persons whom I would like see around me in case that I will have to do the work of which we have spoken. I do not find it fair to nominate them now. I have not seen these persons, whom I have in mind, for years. I do not know whether they will like to work at such an enterprise together with me, or - together with some other person whose name I do not know to tell them, as I am not sure that the question of my personal participation on this work will be decided positively. In case that your Authorities will find or have found me not to be the man you need, I, by this premature nomination, would discriminate these persons. It is right that the most valuable time is running uselessly, but I can not help here. I declared my readiness for this particular job in December 1950 already, as soon as I was contacted. I did this despite the doubts of political character I had, and of which I told you during our first meeting. It is not my fault that the settlement of this affair has taken so long a time.

As soon as you will tell me that I personally am accepted by your Authorities, and as soon as you will give me enough information concerning the base of the future work so that I can satisfy my own precautions and remove the doubts of the persons whom I will have to convince for the collaboration, I would start the negotiations with these persons. Having got their consentment, I may tell their names to you for further checking. My part in selecting these persons will probably not take long time any more then.

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One can not live for good hopes only. I have . . . I you already that I have to care for my family too. Although I am ready to sacrifice myself for my country, I am not entitled to let my family unhelpt here in Germany. Despite my repeated asks for information concerning the possibilities of my immigration into the States, I have got no answer from the American side here in Wentorf. Nor have I received any answer concerning the separate immigration of my family. This shows that although I and my family, as to my interpretation of the DP Act, should be acceptable for the immigration into the States, we will have big troubles even when the immigration of the Baltic soldiers will be given free generally. The mystic opposing forces, or perhaps the bureaucracy, seems to be so strong that we probably will not pass here without special help.

Foreseeing this development of things I asked my friends and relatives in Canada in Nov 1950 already, to undertake necessary steps enabling us to immigrate into Canada, when we really can not go to America. Now it is so far that we probably will be called before the Canadian Mission during this or next week already. I can not delay this without damaging our aspects of being accepted.

I, of course, am still eager to work for my Fatherland, and especially together with the States. I would appreciate very much to work together with you. Therefore I will not profite of this possibility of emigration to Canada when you do like and will be allowed to work together with me, and when you can and will assure officially the may-be needed help for the immigration of my family into the States.

Therefore, when you really will have my cooperation, then you have to act urgently. When you have some objections against contacting the American officer I told you the name, then I think, that a short adequate note from the DP Commission in Frankfurt will suffice for our prompt passage here in Wentorf.

Will you, please, be so kind as to send me a note or cable, even when this will have to be of negative character, so I would know what to do in my urging emigration matters with the Canadian Mission.

Yours very sincerely *A. Ruppel*

P.S. I am attaching here a copy of an exposition which I wrote in Dec 1950, "The Way . . ." Still hoping that the question of the Baltic soldiers will be solved positively in due time without publishing such letters, I have not given this exposition the wide publicity it was thought for.

Now we expect the solution of the problem on March 15, when the amendmend of the Security Act will be discussed in the Senate /proposal (H.R. 2339) of the Representative F.E. Walter./.

May be this exposition can be of some use to your Authorities. May be they could help the States and a handful of anticommu-nist soldiers out of this mess, caused evidently by some few but cunny and potent American communists or fools.

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